

**In the Claims**

The following listing of the claims replaces all previous listings.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) A gas burner for a fireplace, comprising:  
a burner panel defining a top surface and a bottom surface, wherein the burner panel is molded to form at least one preformed log;  
a bottom burner member coupled to the burner panel;  
wherein the burner panel defines at least one aperture to provide a gas/air mixture to the top surface of the burner panel;  
wherein the bottom surface of the burner panel and bottom member define at least one cavity;  
wherein the at least one preformed log defines at least a portion of the at least one cavity;  
and  
wherein the at least one cavity extends above at least a portion of the top surface of the burner panel.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously Presented) The gas burner of claim 3, wherein the burner panel comprises a compression molded material, the compression molded material comprising an inorganic fiber and a binder.
6. (Currently Amended) The gas burner of claim 3, wherein the bottom surface of the burner panel defines two or more cavities.
7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The gas burner of claim 3, wherein the burner panel defines a plurality of apertures to provide a gas/air mixture to the top surface of the burner panel.

10.-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A gas burner for a fireplace, comprising:  
a burner panel defining a top surface and a bottom surface, wherein the top surface has a raised upper portion and a lower portion;  
a bottom burner member coupled to the burner panel;  
wherein the burner panel defines at least one aperture to provide a gas/air mixture to the top surface of the burner panel;  
wherein the bottom surface of the burner panel and the bottom burner panel together define at least one cavity;  
wherein the at least one cavity extends above the lower portion of the top surface of the burner panel; and  
wherein the raised upper portion of the top surface extends above the lower portion.

20. (Original) The gas burner of claim 19, wherein the burner panel defines a plurality of apertures to provide a gas/air mixture to the top surface of the burner panel.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a gas burner for use in a prefabricated fireplace, comprising:  
forming a compression molded burner panel;

coupling a bottom burner member to the burner panel;

forming at least one aperture in the burner panel; and

~~The method of claim 21, wherein the step of forming the burner panel further comprises~~  
~~the step of forming at least one cavity in the a bottom surface of the burner panel, wherein the at~~  
~~least one cavity extends above at least a portion of the a top surface of the burner panel.~~

24. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a gas burner for use in a prefabricated  
fireplace, comprising:

forming a compression molded burner panel;

coupling a bottom burner member to the burner panel;

forming at least one aperture in the burner panel; and

~~The method of claim 21, wherein the step of forming the burner panel comprises the step~~  
~~of forming a prefabricated log in at least a portion of the burner panel.~~

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)